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SUBJ: NORMAL YUGOSLAV MEAT EXPORTS TO EEC

COUNTRIES BY SECOND HALF 1975?

1. ASST FOREGIN TRADE SECRETARY ZIBERNA TOLD ECON COUNSELOR THAT HER NEGOTIATIONS IN BRUSSELS LAST WEEK BROUGHT LITTLE PROGRESS ON ISSUE OF BAN ON YUGOSLAV BEEF EXPORTS. EEC CONFIRMED MEMBERS WOULD COMPLY WITH OBLIGATION, UNDER GATT ARRANGEMENT, TO IMPORT 35,000 TONS OF FROZEN MEAT ANNUALLY, WITH SMALL QUOTA FOR YUGOSLAVIA. SINCE YUGOSLAV CAPACITY FOR FROZEN MEAT EXPORTS VERY LIMITED, THIS OFFER WAS OF NO SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT.

2. DISCUSSIONS WILL RESUME AT MEETING OF YUGOSLAV-EEC MIXED COMMISSION BEGINNING JAN 27, 75. BY THAT TIME, MRS. ZIBERNA EXPECTS, EEC WILL HAVE WORKED OUT NEW INTERNAL MEAT PRICE MECHANISM, AND PROSPECTS FOR RELAXATION IN IMPORT

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POLICY WILL HAVE BECOME CLEARER. SHE STATED THERE IS SOME

BASIS FOR CONFIDENCE THAT BEEF EXPORTS TO EEC COUNTRIES WILL
BE AT NORMAL LEVELS BY SECOND HALF 1975.

3. MRS. ZIBERNA SIGNLED OUT ACTIVITIES OF AUSTRALIA IN GROUP
OF EIGHT PRINCIPAL BEEF EXPORTING COUNTRIES AS PARTICULARLY HELPFUL
TO YUGOSLAVIA.

4. COMMENT: EARLIEST POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF BABY BEEF
SHIPMENTS TO ITALY AND FRANCE (NORMALLY IN EXCESS OF \$100
MILLION PER YEAR) IS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE IF YUGOSLAVIA IS TO
REVERSE DETERIORATION IN TRADE BALANCE WITH EEC (SEE BELGRADE
6197) AND IN LIVESTOCK PRODUCING SECTOR OF ECONOMY. YUGOSLAVS
WILL WISH TO PRESS FOR RESUMPTION AND FOR REGULARIZATION OF
WORLD MEAT TRADE IN ALL AVAILABLE FORUMS, INCLUDING PROSPECTIVE
GATT CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON MEAT IN WHICH THEY ESIRE MEMBERSHIP.
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